In June 2012, the partner countries (the Netherlands, Belgium and France including the Meuse département and the Lorraine CRT Regional Tourism Committee) expressed their desire to create an international cycle touring circuit, “La Meuse à Vélo” covering a distance of more than 900 km, starting from the source of the Meuse on the Langres plateau in Haute-Marne and going down to its delta where it comes out into the North Sea, with a common identity along its whole route.

A real challenge for the development of tourism in Meuse.

The Meuse département, represented by the CDT (Départemental Tourism Committee) and the Highways Department, has been deeply involved in this major project and has worked on putting it in place in Meuse, taking cycling routes and shared roads, and shortly the Voies Vertes greenways.

The route proposed here is the section going through the Meuse département.

These are Stages 4 to 10, departing from Neufchâteau (Vosges) and going to Sedan (Ardenne):

- Stage 4: Neufchâteau ➔ Vaucouleurs
- Stage 5: Vaucouleurs ➔ Commercy
- Stage 6: Commercy ➔ Saint-Mihiel
- Stage 7: Saint-Mihiel ➔ Verdun
- Stage 8: Verdun ➔ Dun-sur-Meuse
- Stage 9: Dun-sur-Meuse ➔ Stenay
- Stage 10: Stenay ➔ Sedan

Eventually, touring cyclists will be able to make the most of a real offering all along this route in terms of identified services - toilets and waterpoints, traffic information - and of attractive reception conditions at the tourist sites (bicycle racks, etc.), restaurants and accommodation.

To date CDT Meuse has identified some accommodations in the Meuse Valley that are close to the route and that meet the criteria required for receiving touring cyclists.

You will take a route through the countryside over 207 km, that you will share with motor vehicles.

So take care!

« The Meuse bicycle tour », a tourism project on a European scale

STENAY AND ITS BREWING TRADITION

With its bourgeois houses, its bandstand... Stenay, the northern gateway to the Meuse département, is a charming little town in the Meuse Valley.

Close to the Belgian abbacy, such as Orval, the abbey chapter makes some excellent beers. Stenay houses the largest museum in Europe entirely dedicated to beer. You will be able to discover its fascinating history of beer, and how it is made thanks to a collection of more than 50,000 objects.

DUN-SUR-MEUSE PLAYS THE CONTEMPORARY CARD

A small town in the Meuse Valley, Dun-sur-Meuse – a Holiday Green Resort – plays the contemporary card, paying tribute to one of the greatest French 20th-century sculptors and friend of Picasso, Jean Robert Pousséguy, in a centre that is dedicated solely to him.

Dun-sur-Meuse is also developing an offer designed for families with the Lac Vert leisure park, and its boat outings on the Meuse...

VERDUN, SYMBOLIC TOWN AT THE HEART OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF EUROPE

Verdun has a rich history and a thousand-year heritage. It has always been at the heart of historical events and decisive challenges that have marked history and contributed to the construction of Europe. Above all known for the battle in 1916, Verdun has managed to preserve a Saint-Mihiel's architectural heritage to advantage (Porte Chaussée and Saint Paulmonuments put up under Napoleon III [Louvois, Gare de l’Est, Petit and Grand Palais, Opéra Garnier...].

SAINT MIHEL, THE BENEDICTINE TOWN

Founded in 709, Saint-Mihiel was originally a Benedictine Abbey. The power of the Benedictines order contributed to the town’s expansion. St Michel Church and the Benedictine Library, a jewel of Lorraine art, continue to be extremely interesting evidence of this.

Saint-Mihiel is also the cradle of Ligier Richier, Lorraine’s greatest Renaissance artist. His school of sculpture has left numerous works, including the Sépulture du Chevalier de Fosse in St Étienne Church and the Pâmoison de la Virée in St Michel Church.

COMMERCY, STANISLAS’ FAVOURITE TOWN

For a long time Commery was considered to be the capital of the barony of Lorraine which was the castle was used to construct the monuments put up under Napoleon III (Louvois, Gare de l’Est, Petit and Grand Palais, Opéra Garnier...).

VAUCOULEURS, CITE JOHANNIQUE

The glorious past of Vaucouleurs is expressed in places conjuring up the extraordinary saga of the little Lorraine shepherdess, Joan of Arc. You will be able to discover essential sites relating to the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc: the crypt evoking the epic tale of Joan of Arc:
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10TH STAGE: STENAY → SEDAN - 34 KILOMETERS

From Stenay to Mouzon, the Meuse Meuse going along minor roads. From Mouzon to Remilly-Aillicourt you'll also take a minor road, and then at Remilly-Aillicourt, the Voie Verte Trans-Ardenne greenway will take you to the town of Sedan with the largest castle in Europe.

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9TH STAGE: DUN-SUR-MEUSE → STENAY - 16 KILOMETERS

A short stage taking minor roads, which means you will be able to make little detours to the Romanesque church in Mont-devant-Sassey and to the unusual village of Hallais-sous-les-Côtes. But, above all, this will leave you time to visit the Beer Museum in Stenay.

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8TH STAGE: VERDUN → DUN-SUR-MEUSE - 40 KILOMETERS

After the Battlefield on the right bank, this stage continues along the left bank. The scars of the fighting in 1916 are still clearly visible, notably the vestiges of the village of Cumières-Le-Mort -Homme. The most enthusiastic cyclists will be able to enjoy a ride around the Vélo Rail site in Forges-sur-Meuse. Lastly at the end of the stage, the Ipoutugy cultural centre is an absolute must-see.

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7TH STAGE: SAINT-MIHIEL → VERDUN - 40 KILOMETERS

A stage placed under the sign of history; there are a number of forts and military fortifications dotted along the route: Le Falou in Dugny-sur-Meuse, Troyen.

And how could you fail to spend a day taking the tour of the Verdun Battlefield: the forts of Vaux and Douaumont, the Douaumont Ossuary, the Verdun Memorial, etc. But good-food-lovers will appreciate the terraces on the banks of the Meuse and visit the place where they make the famous Verdun sweet almonds, ‘dragées Braquier’.

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6TH STAGE: COMMERCY → STANT-MIHIEL - 23 KILOMETERS

Stage between Stanislas Castle and the birthplace of Ligier Richier, the Renaissance sculptor. On your way you will be able to visit the Maison de la Truffe (truffle house) in Boncourt-sur-Meuse, discover the Tranchée de la Soif memorial site, and make the most of the view.

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5TH STAGE: VAUCOULEURS → COMMERCY - 28 KILOMETERS

This stage takes you from Joan of Arc Country to Commercy where Louis XV’s father-in-law Stanislas Leszczyński reigned, and his castle still stands. The Euville quarries and the Commercy Modeléilles will respectively delight those with an inquiring mind and the sweet-toothed.

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4TH STAGE: NEUFCHÂTEAU → VAUCOULEURS - 26 KILOMETERS

This stage takes you through the heart of Joan of Arc Country, from the house where she was born to Vaucouleurs, from where she set out to meet her destiny. On the way, the Côte Blanche in Pagny-la-Blanche-Côte, and the Vieux Astre Chapel in Sepvigny deserve a quick stop.

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